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Application No./Patent No.: 09/239,871

Filed/Issue Date: 29 January 1999

Entitled: Buffering and Sequencing of Soft Decisions of Multiple Channels into a Single Shared Biorthogonal Decoder

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